

operate both summer and winter during the morning, afternoon and evening. He said in the first stage it would be using 12 horses in rotation so that at any given time there could be 6 horses out on a series of trails starting on the applicants property and extending backwards into the back of this property owned by his mother and onto neighbouring properties stretching back into forested land. He proceeded to show slides to council for clarification of the proposed riding trail facility.

He said the current access is made through Mr. Chris Hiltons property. The access goes back into the tool shed and to the barn and to the trail system. The trail goes back into the trees and extends back to some lakes. He said there is presently an established riding trail.

He said the property is in the mixed use designation B of the plan for districts 15, 18 & 19. He said this is a designation that specifically supports semi rural uses. It is characterized as a designation which supports low density residential development plus a variety of traditional rural pursuits which have existed in this particular area for over a hundred years. The designation permits, by rezoning, more industrial and commercial uses but it does not allow what is termed commercial recreation uses by this procedure because the type of commercial recreation use which is obvious in this area can be anything from the Atlantic Playland to a mini golf course. He said residents wanted to make sure that if there was a commercial recreation use there was plenty of chance to develop a site plan which would minimize any interference with existing uses and the existing character of the area. He said a commercial trail ride facility at this location represents the low intensive land use end of the commercial recreation use to the point where it might almost be indistinguishable from permitted agricultural uses which can be conducted by right on that property.

The site development is dealt with in part 4 of the agreement. Mr. Hatfield intends, at this stage, to use the existing barn and this will accommodate the 12 horses he is proposing. It could possibly accommodate up to 17 horses. The initial proposal is for 12 which will be accommodated in the barn. The access by the public will be new. The proposed access is from Hammonds Plains Road and a parking lot will be developed to accommodate more than 12 cars. He said this would be located to the rear of the existing structures and the four homes on Hammonds Plains Road. There will be portable washroom facilities will be located close to the parking lot and an animal waste management facility will be located well away from existing developed areas.

He said section 5 deals with the provision of litter containers in addition the standards for the management of animal manure is established as being that in accordance with the provincial guidelines for the management and use of animal manure in Nova Scotia. No alcoholic beverages will be served on the property.

Section 6 deals with hours of operation. Right now the maximum hours of operation are put in this agreement as 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Section 7 deals with the subject of amendments. Mr. Hatfield has stated that if his business is successful he would perhaps like to expand and therefore part 7 provides, under certain conditions, how this might be done. It is envisaged that any expansion would have to be in a new building away from the existing one. In addition to the new location a new provision is being put in to inform residents within 500 feet of this property if and amendment is going to be asked for by the applicant. They will be notified and be able to make their view known to council prior to council making their decision. He said staff feels it is appropriate for this site and in this environment. He said staff is recommending the approval of this development agreement.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Holland said that it does not appear to him that customer facilities and animal waste storage area is located 300 feet from the abutting properties lines as outlined in Appendix A.

Mr. O'Carroll said the portable toilet should be located somewhere near the parking lot. He said the technicians had measured the distance and assured them that it was meeting the standards.

Councillor Giffin asked if the applicant had seen the agreement and agreed to it.

Mr. O'Carroll confirmed that he had.

Councillor Giffin asked Mr. O'Carroll to confirm that the patrons can only use the property between the hours specified but this does not restrict the owner from going on the property at any hour to take care of the horses.

Mr. O'Carroll confirmed this.

Councillor Sutherland asked how long the applicant or his family had owned the property.

Mr. O'Carroll said that it is definitely a family property going back quite some time.

Councillor Sutherland asked about the access to the property.

Mr. O'Carroll said when a piece of the property had been sold and access had not been kept. He said he understands the access is by way of a "Right of Passage" over that property.

Councillor Sutherland asked if this would be remedied with the new proposed access.

Mr. O'Carroll said the clients must use that but the owner himself can continue to use the right of way because that is the access to his property.

Councillor Cooper said he has some concerns. He said that under the agreement there is a requirement for permission from adjacent property owners but the wording of the agreement does not indicate that there has to be a sketch plan of trails outside of this particular property.

Mr. O'Carroll said section 4.10 requires letters of permission satisfactory in form and content to the development officer. He said if the development officer requires a sketch map he will ask for it; however, a written letter of permission from the property to access across his land is required under this agreement before the development permit will be issued. Those will have to be produced to the development officer and he has to be satisfied that he knows what is being proposed to be crossed.

Councillor Cooper asked if this was the first time that Halifax County had a development agreement where a commercial operation would extend over several properties or could extend over several properties.

Mr. O'Carroll said he has not dealt with one where this has happened before and therefore it had been reviewed with the solicitor as to how this could be done and were advised that this was a satisfactory way to accommodate this type of use.

Councillor Cooper asked Mr. Crooks if the operation on those adjacent properties considered part of the commercial operation.

Mr. Crooks said that it would be.

Councillor Cooper said yet the development agreement only applies to one property.

Mr. Crooks said the development agreement is based on the property which is set out in the schedule but would apply to the operation to the extent that the agreement specifically contemplates that it extended beyond the boundaries of that property.

Councillor Cooper asked if it would be possible to have two sets of criteria. He asked if it is arguable that this only applies to the one property. He said he has difficulty in saying that council is approving a development agreement for one property yet it is being applied to another property which isn't outlined in the bounds of this particular document.

Mr. Crooks said the activity which is contemplated and covered by this agreement includes any activities on trails which are off the property to which this specifically applies and in his view would

be equally enforceable to activities whether carried on on the property or on trails which the agreement envisages that the rides are going to be conducted off the property.

Councillor Cooper asked if there was a process whereby adjacent property owners realize what effects could come from this particular agreement if they give permission.

Mr. Crooks said public notice has been given in accordance with the act of the provisions of this agreement and these provisions have been available for inspection by all who might reasonably judge that they might be affected by it. He said the provision is there to be seen and the requirement is included that a letter of permission, satisfactory in form to the development officer, be provided. He said the extension of the trail beyond the property, which is specifically addressed under this agreement, could only be done if permission were obtained and in a form satisfactory to the development officer.

Councillor Cooper asked what requirements are listed in this agreement for the development officer to apply to those exterior properties.

Mr. Crooks said there are none specifically with the exception that there is a requirement under 4.9 to the effect that prior to developing any trails a sketch plan shall be provided which illustrates the appropriate location of trails in relation to property boundaries. He said that he would have thought that one of the requirements the development officer would impose would be a requirement to be provided with a sketch in respect of any trails that would extend beyond the property similar to the requirement to have a sketch of the trail on the property.

Councillor Cooper said it does not say internal and external boundaries.

Mr. Crooks said, in his opinion, 4.9 would clearly apply to all trails that are on or off the property because the agreement specifically provides for the establishment of trails both on and off the property. He said the language, in his opinion, is sufficiently general to impose that requirement with respect to any and all trails operated from the base of operation which is covered by the agreement.

Councillor Cooper asked if the property owners of the adjacent properties where trails might be located be permitted any alterations that would aid and abet this particular commercial operation. He asked if there were extensive trails on adjacent properties could there be additional development take place which would be conducive to this operation without them coming to the municipality for permission. If someone wanted to put in a canteen half way along the trail could they do this.

Mr. Crooks said there was nothing in this agreement that would authorize the establishment of any structures or the carrying on of any uses on those properties that are not provided for as a right under the land use by-law that applies to those properties with the exception that the uses contemplated by this agreement can extend, by way of a trail, on those properties.

Councillor Merrigan asked if the property can have cattle on it as it stands now.

Mr. O'Carroll said it can have agricultural uses.

Councillor Merrigan asked how this agricultural use differs and requires a development agreement.

Mr. O'Carroll said this is because a trail ride is defined as a commercial recreation use in the plan. He said it has been determined by the development officer that a trail ride, even one of twelve horses, is a commercial recreation use and not an agricultural use.

Councillor Merrigan asked if plan said this or the development officer say this.

Mr. O'Carroll said the plan does not specifically talk about trail rides but in the definitions of the land use by-law then this would be a reasonable interpretation.

Councillor Merrigan asked if the horses are allowed on the roads.

Mr. O'Carroll said there was no proposal for the horses to go on the road but there is a proposal for horses to go quite a distance back going over other peoples property and it was felt that it was reasonable for this information to be available to everybody.

Councillor Taylor asked if there were similar types of trail ride operations in Halifax County.

Mr. O'Carroll said there is one in Loon Lake.

Councillor Taylor asked if there were any concerns.

Mr. O'Carroll said that the only person who had expressed concerns was Mr. Hilton who had written to the Planning Advisory Committee. He said Mr. Hilton had also written a letter on behalf of a Mr. Raymond Smith expressing concern. He said the concerns were discussed with Mr. Hatfield.

Councillor Taylor asked if the applicant had given any consideration to checking if he could do this under the right to farm legislation where it is zoned mixed use.

Mr. O'Carroll said they had talked in general terms about this aspect of traditional farming use and whether or not a trail ride was this type of use but the person who issues the development permit is the person who is saying "this is a commercial recreation use and I am not going to issue a permit for it unless there is a development agreement attached to it".

Mr. Paul Morgan said a development agreement is required because under the land use by-laws there are definitions for the various types of uses and there is a definition for agricultural and commercial recreation use. Commercial recreation use means use of building or lot solely for commercial recreation or sport purposes such as animal and vehicle race tracks, rifle ranges, marinas, golf. As far as agricultural uses it refers to the use of land for the breeding and handling of animals. He said if there was not a definition for commercial recreation use the development officers interpretation would be that this would be something normally associated with an agricultural use and would, therefore, issue the permit. Because there was this definition, the commercial recreation use requires a development agreement and the officer felt she could not issue the permit and subsequently the applicant entered into this agreement.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOUR

Mr. Vernon Kynock spoke in favour of the application. He said he lived approximately a half mile from the proposed site. He said the Mr. Hatfield has repaired the buildings and barns. He said he feels it is good for the community as a whole as it will provide a badly needed form of recreation for different age groups. He feels it will be an attraction for the nearby campground. He urged council to approve the application. He said he was also at council as a representative of the First Baptist Church, Hammonds Plains and he said the church members, trustees and deacons have no concerns. He said they have been assured, by Mr. Hatfield, that if it interfered with their 11 a.m. church service he would not open until noon.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

No questions from council.

Mr. Bob Stronach, 1836 Hammonds Plains Road, said he would be adjacent to the new entrance. He said his only concerns are very minor ones. He said the major concern would be with regards to noise problems on Sunday mornings and traffic. He said the road is extremely difficult to get out to at any time and he said there is also a provision for a sign. He said he would like the sign to be small enough as to not cause any traffic problems. He said other than that he is in total agreement with this proposal and he feels this is one of the finest things that can be done in this area. He said his only concern would be traffic but otherwise he feels it is

a fine proposal.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Sutherland asked on what side of the access would his house be located.

Mr. Stronach said his house would be one of the four next to the proposal.

Mayor Lichter asked Mr. Stronach if he had taken a look at the development agreement. He said section 4.8 speaks about the free standing sign and asked if Mr. Stronach had any difficulty with the size.

Mr. Stronach said he had no difficulty.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION

Mr. Chris Hilton, 1820 Hammonds Plains Road spoke in opposition. He said he also owns the property at 1814 Hammonds Plains Road. He said the right of way is between these two properties. He said he is not against the agreement but has some major concerns. He said he found the hours of operation excessive. He objected to them being until 10 p.m. each day as well as the starting time of 8 a.m. on Sunday. He said there is quite a bit of traffic going through the right of way.

He made reference to An Act Respecting Fences with regards to fencing. He said there is no actual setback but he showed pictures where his fence is. He said his fence was in place prior to the paddock fence being put in place. He said there is some damage to his fence which he intends to repair and as a result of the location of the paddock fence the horses nudge their heads on his fence which results in damage.

He made reference to page 6, figure 1 of the map. He said the paddock goes up along his fence. He said the present manure pile is approximately 125 feet from his boundary line. He said he has concerns because in the summer the applicant has had three or four horses there which resulted in a manure smell on his property. He said this takes away from his enjoyment of his property.

He said he feels this operation will hurt the real estate value of his property. He said he works in real estate and he said that other agents said it will hurt the value of his property. He said he has concerns with both appreciation or depreciation of his property value. He said he has not found the right of way existing in any deeds. He said he pays taxes on the right of way and as a result considers it his property. He said he has put signs up because he feels the traffic through the right of way flows at an excessive speed. He said he has a garden at 1814 Hammonds Plains

Road that is used by approximately three families and it had been trampled by horses on a previous occasion. He said he is concerned whether or not the fences will be able to contain the horses.

He referred to documentation from the Department of the Environment with regards to wells, dug wells, setbacks etc. He said he has a dug well at 1814 Hammonds Plains Road and on 1820 he has a drilled well. He said there are approximately 80 to 90 feet away from the paddock area and 175 feet away from the present manure pile. He asked when it will be changed to 300 feet from any water.

He said he is concerned about the odour from the manure. He referred to page 59 of the MPS with regards to livestock operations. He said it states there are community concerns with respect to livestock operations relating primarily to health hazards and problems of smell. He referenced page 105 of the MPS. He said there is nothing mentioned in the development agreement with regards to fencing. He referenced page 126, Section 3 of B121. He said when he purchased his property there were no horses on the property behind him.

He said under the page 6 of the By-laws, section 224 says existing meaning in existence on the effective date of the by-law.

Mayor Lichter asked Mr. Hill if the barn was present at the time he purchased his property.

Mr. Hillton confirmed that it was. He said he had inquired before purchasing the property and at that time there were no horses on the property.

He referenced page 9, section 245. He said this once again referred to odour which would result from the manure pile. He said he would like his deed to say there is an easement over his property. He referenced section 41 of the by-law. He feels the horses pose a danger to his children. He said he would like to have no horses be allowed to be ridden across his property. He said he has no problem with them being walked over the property. He referenced section 490 regarding existing uses and non conforming uses. He wondered if there was any recourse open to him with regards to the damage the horses will possibly do to his fencing. He said the horses have gotten onto his property and have done damage. He said he is concerned about the safety of his children with regards to both the horses and traffic. He said he has put up a gate and will use it as a deterrent so that traffic will have to stop in order for the gate to be opened for a vehicle to proceed.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Harvey said a number of the matters raised by the speaker are handled in the development agreement in terms of

location of the manure pile and the matter with regards to right of passage over the properties is not relevant to this commercial operation because the access will be from an access at another location. He said the present access is for use by the applicant. He the problem of the paddock fence could be solved by the applicant moving it back as a gesture of good will. He asked Mr. Hilton if he was aware, when he purchased his property, what the zoning and uses were of the property behind him.

Mr. Hilton said he was not.

Councillor Harvey said the property behind Mr. Hilton has a number of agricultural uses permitted by right. He asked how these uses that could be put in there by right would affect his property. He said it seems to him that this is close to agricultural use and at the low end of the scale for recreational use.

Councillor Brill said he there are two properties that have horses in his district and there have been no problems.

Councillor Peters asked for clarification on the use of one of the buildings in the pictures circulated. She asked how long it had been in existence.

Mr. Hilton said it was a tool shed which had been in existence for approximately 100 years.

Councillor Rankin asked if he had expressed his concerns and come forward to staff and the owner with what he may have considered reasonable remedies. He asked if the concerns with regards to the fence and hours of operation were addressed would that alleviate some of his concerns.

Mr. Hilton said this would.

Mayor Lichter asked if all the concerns expressed relate to the last four years.

Mr. Hilton said yes.

Mayor Lichter asked Mr. Hilton if he realized that during that period of time the horses were there legally.

Mr. Hilton said yes.

Mayor Lichter said that if council decides to reject the development agreement then everything stays the same as it was for the last four years. He asked Mr. Hilton if this would make him happy.

Mr. Hilton said no because he does not want the development agreement to be rejected. He said he was not against the

development agreement but he had some concerns about the fencing, manure pile, hours of operation and his driveway.

Mayor Lichter said the development agreement has put a number of controls on the individual running this operation and has brought out a number of remedies the municipality can undertake.

SUMMARY BY APPLICANT

Mr. Brian Hatfield, 1821 Hammonds Plains Road. He said this has been a family farm. He said there will be all new fences put up. He said he has purchased the materials for the fencing. He said he will be blocking off the right of way and putting a gate across. He said he will be providing keys to the people who will be using the right of way. He said when the horses had gotten into Mr. Hilton's garden his grandfather had offered to replace any plants destroyed with two new ones. He said he has discussed the problem of the manure pile with his neighbours and nobody else seems to have a problem. He said the new road and all the fencing will be done before he opens for business in June.

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Taylor:

"THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL TRAIL RIDE FACILITY ON THE LANDS OF VIDA DOUCET, AS PRESENTED IN APPENDIX "B" OF THE STAFF REPORT TO MUNICIPAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1993, BE APPROVED EXCEPT THAT CLAUSE (C) OF SECTION 7.2 BE REVISED SO THAT REFERENCE TO SECTION 4.1 BE CHANGED TO SECTION 4.2"

Councillor Giffin said one thing that is being overlooked is that the road is going in back of these four homes and to the barn area. He said this is a great fire safety thing which will now enhance fire protection for those four homes and the barns. He said if there is any expansion of the property then the compliance of this agreement moves that manure pile.

Councillor Cooper asked in relation to part 7, under 7.2 (b) could the solicitor give an overview how that relationship applies to 4, 5 and 6 under 4.1. He said it is his interpretation that in applying 7.2 (b) everything permitted under parts 4, 5, and 6 would come under a resolution of council. He said it seems to imply that all new barns could be developed without going to a public hearing. He said also all new parking areas as well as new structures.

Paul Morgan said that in section 7.2 clause (b) the reference made to section 4.1 is in error. It should be section 4.2. What is intended to mean is that the site layout will be as shown on Appendix "B" referenced in the agreement. If the applicant wanted to construct a new barn or relocate it, this would require authorization of council by minor amendment. He said there was

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also a requirement in this that there would be notification to property owners within 500 feet of the site.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

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OF THE
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OF THE
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COUNCIL SESSION

May 4, 1993

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter
Councillor Meade
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Fralick
Councillor Holland
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Bates
Councillor Adams
Councillor Randall
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Peters
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Brill
Councillor Giffin
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Deputy Mayor Richards
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Brill, seconded by Councillor Meade:

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION TO FIRST SHEET HARBOUR GIRL GUIDES BY COUNCILLOR SMILEY

Councillor Smiley welcomed the guides to council chambers and presented them with county pins as well as their Citizenship badges.

DATE FOR MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL NO. MVC-04-93-06 BE SET FOR THE MAY 18, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION"

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Warden Gary Cochrane, Municipality of the District of West Hants with respect to a motion passed by his council with respect to casinos in Nova Scotia.

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Canada Employment Centre for Students requesting that the municipality declare May 31st to June 5th as "Hire a Student Week".

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND THAT HALIFAX COUNTY DECLARE MAY 31ST TO JUNE 5TH AS "HIRE A STUDENT WEEK"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Roger Duval, Chair, Canada's Fitweek Executive Committee requesting council proclaim May 28th to June 6th as Canada's Fitweek.

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND THAT HALIFAX COUNTY PROCLAIM MAY 28TH TO JUNE 6TH AS CANADA'S FITWEEK"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter informed council the Recreation Department was working on activities in relation to this.

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a progress report from Paul Calda, HHCI. It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Carol Morrison with respect to the amendment to by-law 29 - the Mobile Home Park By-law.

It was moved by Councillor Randall, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Wood with respect to the condition of The Old Camp Road, Lake Echo.

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No.'s CH/W-01-93 and SB-01-93 - Application by Oknah Realty Limited

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD JUNE 7, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M."

Councillor Giffin said he wants decent clean water for the residents in the Lucasville Road. He said when the lines were extended up to Kingswood he had felt that this would be looped down to the Lucasville Road and continue to Sackville. He said there is now a moratorium on water extensions and he feels this is unfair. He said extensions have been brought into other areas of the county. He said the water crosses over the property of the residents on the Lucasville Road and they have not been able to access it and they feel they have been badly treated. He said he is asking that the water be continued down to serve the people of Lucasville.

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Regionalization of Dartmouth Ferry

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Richards, seconded by Councillor Brill:

"THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE POSITION ENUNCIATED IN THE STAFF REPORT SPECIFICALLY: 1) HALIFAX COUNTY SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION OF THE FERRY SERVICE AS PART OF THE TRANSIT SYSTEM; 2) HALIFAX COUNTY SUPPORT COST SHARING OF THE FERRY DEFICIT ON THE BASIS OF ASSESSMENT CONTAINED WITHIN THE TRANSIT SERVICE BOUNDARY AND; 3) HALIFAX COUNTY SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF THE ACCUMULATED DEFICIT AS PART OF THE TRANSFER PRICE ON CONDITION METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY STAFF VERIFY THE EXPENDITURES ARE RELATED TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO REPLACE AND/OR REFURBISH FIXED ASSETS BUT FINANCED AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM OPERATING REVENUES"

Deputy Mayor Richards said this is an item that affects a number of county residents who use the ferry system. He said he believes it is critical that the report receives council endorsement so as to resolve this issue. This would allow county residents to use the ferry system as a method of getting to and from work or educational institutions. He said he would encourage council to support this recommendation.

Councillor Fralick asked if all costs, in regards to Halifax County's portion for the ferry service, would be covered by only those areas of the county that are covered by transit.

Mayor Lichter said Halifax County's share, based on this recommendation, would be 100% covered that way.

Councillor Bates asked Mr. Meech what the benefits to the county would be.

Mr. Meech said his understanding is that the ferry system would be integrated with the public transit system. He said this should permit the operators of transit to have the ability to coordinate and integrate the ferry service with the transit service. He said, with regards to the suggestion that the county should examine the capital expenditures, they are suggesting that they made certain capital expenditures that could have otherwise been amortized over 10 years. He said they chose to charge them off as an operating expenditure in the current year. He said what is being suggested is that if they can verify this maybe there is some merit in acknowledging that they should be paid a portion of their deficit. He said it can be seen as a benefit for the overall region.

Councillor Bates asked what was the cost to the county.

Mr. Meech said if the formula suggested is used then the county would be paying approximately 15 to 20 percent. He said the City of Halifax said they are not prepared to cost share on the basis of assessment and they have put forward the formula that it should be cost shared on a one third per municipal unit with Bedford not having to contribute.

Mayor Lichter said he has made enquiries with regards to the anticipated 93/94 deficit for the operation of the ferries. He said he was told it was \$143,000. He said he was also told if the \$1,055,000. deficit is amortized over 10 years that would bring the deficit in 93/94 to a total of \$342,000. He said on the one third cost sharing formula that Halifax City proposed Halifax County's share would be \$114,000. He said 18% would be approximately \$65,000.

Councillor Ball said he would feel that Halifax County would take the position that it is shared by all four municipal units. He said it would be an integrated service with Metro Transit and all the participants be involved in that process.

Mayor Lichter said the second part of the motion indicates that Halifax County support cost sharing of the ferry deficit on the basis of assessment contained within the transit service boundary includes Bedford.

Councillor Ball said he believes it should be an integrated system. He said he would hope this is a move for cooperation and not distinguish what residents benefit the most from the transit. He said if it is integrated then you can use the transfer system with no extra charges from using the ferry and then transferring to a bus.

Councillor Merrigan said he can't support the idea of cost sharing in the deficit of the ferry operation.

Mayor Lichter said this recommendation is saying there is a way to begin looking in a realistic way at a part of the transit system. He said hopefully this will be the beginning of having the rest of the partners join and do the right thing.

Councillor Merrigan said he agrees that Halifax County should cost share in the transit. It should be amalgamated with Metropolitan Authority taking over the control. He said it should be up to Metro Authority to come up with a fair way of funding.

Mayor Lichter said the transit system and the operation of the transit system as well as the cost sharing has been by By-law by the four municipalities approved in a certain way. Until those By-laws are changed by all four municipal units, Halifax County cannot change it unilaterally, nor can Metro Authority.

Councillor Sutherland said it is time one of the Municipalities showed some leadership. He said the ferry service is an asset to the all areas and he feels it is a crucial an intrical part of the transit system and it should be integrated.

Councillor McInroy said he would recommend council support the proposal.

MOTION CARRIED

19 IN FAVOUR

1 AGAINST

Capital Grant Requests

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANTS BE APPROVED:

(1) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 AND DISTRICT PARKLAND GRANT, DISTRICT 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF BASKETBALL STANDARDS FOR THE EAST PRESTON RECREATION CENTRE AND;

(2) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365.00 TO REPLACE FURNACE MOTOR AT THE NORTH PRESTON RECREATION CENTRE"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Policy Re: Installation of Super and Mini Postal Sites By Canada Post Corporation

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE POLICY AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT"

MOTION CARRIED

Land Exchange Maplewood Subdivision District 2

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY AND NORTH AMERICAN REAL ESTATE LIMITED. THE MUNICIPALITY WOULD TAKE OVER LOT 349 AND GIVE A PORTION OF PARKLAND, LOT 237-A-348, TO THE DEVELOPER WHICH WOULD BECOME LOT 348"

MOTION CARRIED

\$10,000 Five Year Loan Request - River Line Activity Centre, Dutch Settlement

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Richards, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A \$10,000 FIVE YEAR LOAN ADVANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING SIDING ON THE RIVER LINE ACTIVITY CENTRE, DUTCH SETTLEMENT. THE LOAN IS REPAYABLE WITH INTEREST WITH COUNCIL RESERVING THE RIGHT TO LEVY AN AREA RATE IN DEFAULT OF PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST"

MOTION CARRIED

Cherry Brook/Westphal Services

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE WATER DISTRIBUTION EXTENSIONS TO THE CHERRY BROOK PHASE II PROJECT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$544,000.00 SUBJECT TO OBTAINING FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROVINCE"

Councillor Cooper asked if the area in question was outside the present serviceable boundary.

Mr. Meech confirmed that it was.

Councillor Cooper asked if there was any plan to extend sewer to the area.

Mr. Meech said not at the present time.

Councillor Cooper said that area is very sensitive environmentally. He said it has been the subject of discussion with the province regarding the impact of water extensions and the possibility of higher density development and the impact on the Broom Lake Watershed down into Cole Harbour. He asked if this was taken into consideration when this recommendation was made.

Mr. Meech said this was being driven due to the inadequate ground water sources. He said other impacts were not considered.

Councillor Bates said the Broom Road is about 100 feet away from development that has already taken place in Phase X of Forest Hills. Because of problems people encountered with wells that this was moved up. This has been recommended by the Department of Health. Three years ago they had recommended that central water services be installed in the Westphal area and this is the final phase. He said blasting had caused problems with wells and the people had been advised by the Department of Health that they were not to use the water. He said instead of this being done next

spring, which would have fallen in line with Phase III, it was moved up to have done now.

Councillor Cooper said this is on the other side of the road from Cherry Brook/Westphal Services which were originally intended. He said it did not take into account the impact which is having great concerns throughout the municipality, the extension of services without having a master plan other than for alleviating health problems. He said if this is the prime reason for the extension of this particular service then once again this policy must be applied to all the municipality. He said this is once again one of these situations where some areas are being held up and other areas are being developed. He said all residents are not being treated fairly including those suffering from arsenic. He said there is a committee to look at water policies. He said he does not feel this meets the criteria yet Halifax County is continuing to continue with it. He said he does not feel the municipality has applied criteria fairly.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THIS BE DEFERRED UNTIL ALL ITEMS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THROUGH THE BROOM LAKE SYSTEM DOWN IN COLE HARBOUR AS ALL OTHER LANDS IN THAT AREA ARE SUBJECT TO"

DEFERRAL MOTION DEFEATED

3 IN FAVOUR

15 AGAINST

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

Use of Pension Contribution Holiday

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Richards, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PENSION CONTRIBUTION HOLIDAY FUND AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE 1 OF THE STAFF REPORT"

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION BY MRS. MCLEOD, B.A.R.O.L.S.

Mrs. McLeod said she was a member of BAROLS, a group of citizens from the St. Margaret's Bay area who are concerned about the protection of the eco system in the St. Margaret's Bay area. She said their major concern with the PCB incinerator is that, no matter where it goes, the transport of the contaminated materials over the highway and through neighbourhoods especially where people are on wells. She said they are concerned that no matter how much they are assured that it will be the safest transport that in the event of an accident with a spillage on the 103 it might get into

a situation where there could be a real disaster. He said they are requesting that the county council discuss and take their concerns to the Public Works and the Department of the Environment and try to discuss it in the sense that council is assured that it is going to be transported in the safest way possible and what happens in terms of compensation is there is some kind of an unforeseen accident:

MEMORANDUM RE: PCB DESTRUCTION PROGRAM

Councillor Peters said the memorandum outlines the fact that at present the PCB's within the area are being safely stored in hundreds of sites.

It was moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC WORKS NAMELY: 1) ABANDON THEIR SEARCH FOR LOCATING A PCB INCINERATOR ANYWHERE; 2) EITHER STEP UP THEIR INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR THE EXISTING PRIVATE STORAGE SITES FOR PCB'S OR SELECT A REMOTE SITE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTRAL FEDERAL STORAGE FACILITY FOR PCB'S AND 3) THAT THEY EVALUATE THE EMERGING NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR PCB DESTRUCTION DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT IS GAINED BY BEING ABLE TO SAFELY STORE PCB'S AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 2"

Councillor Peters said at a meeting in Goffs she had found out that there are thousands of litres being stored all over the place. She said at present they are being safely stored. She said if they are taken and put into vehicles to bring to a site specific area the risk of damaging the eco system is incredible. One of the proposals was that there is a facility being developed where they will be able to take the equipment to a site, dispose of it there and move the actual equipment to the sites where they are stored now.

MOTION CARRIED

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Smiley:

"THAT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WEST QUODDY AND ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, TANGIER BE REGISTERED AS MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTIES UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTY BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Deputy Mayor

Richards:

"THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION AS OUTLINED BY THE VILLAGE OF BELCARRA AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE COMMITTEE"

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF WEED INSPECTOR

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Peters:

"THAT BRIAN HULL BE APPOINTED AS MUNICIPAL WEED INSPECTOR FOR 1993"

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Peters:

"THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

PETITION - RESIDENTS OF ARMBRO LANE, COLBY VILLAGE

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE PETITION BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Holland:

"THAT COUNCIL WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASKING THEM TO NOT APPROVE THE RIGHT OF WAY ONTO ARMBRO LANE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THAT PARTICULAR SIDE STREET AND THAT THE PROPOSED EXIT WOULD LEAD TO ENHANCED OR EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC CONDITIONS WITH DANGERS TO BOTH THE RESIDENTS AND THE PEDESTRIANS IN THE AREA"

MOTION CARRIED

SIDEWALK PETITION - RESIDENTS OF CAVALIER DRIVE, SACKVILLE

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT THE PETITION BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Holland:

"THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE PETITION AND CORRESPOND THAT
ENDORSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS"

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT - REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE/COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Councillor Peters said the committee had met on April 29 to re-examine base salaries, stipends and non community council members.

It was moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Peters said the base salary stays the same. The committee structure, as previously approved, stays the same. She said the Mayor's stipend reduces to \$27,900. Another change was that the non council members of PAC for the standing committee in council only receive \$1,500. annually and non council members of the Board of Health receive \$1,500.

Councillor Taylor said he does support the restructuring of the committees. He said he is pleased to see that non council members will be receiving a reduced remuneration but he though that more consideration would be given to councillors who are on same committees receiving the same pay. He said he is in agreement with community council members receiving additional pay. He asked if the monies generated from the outside committees could have been divided amongst the councillors and the mayor so that all would have been treated the same.

Councillor Peters said that the money for the Metro Authority, Rehab and Ocean View Manor is not controlled by Halifax County. She said these are provincial monies.

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Peters:

"THAT THE REPORT BE APPROVED"

Councillor Peters said the nominating committee makes the choice and the option is that when the nominating committee reconvenes to review those committees then councillors can be changed around and this will affect the remuneration. She said she would like it noted that she did not support the reduction in the Mayor's

stipend. She said the Mayor of Halifax County not only takes care of duties as a mayor but also as councillor responsible for a district.

Deputy Mayor Richards said he felt the recommendations are an attempt to compromise when compromise was not necessary and cannot support them. He said he feels what was initially proposed was right.

Councillor Harvey said he could not support the recommendations in their present form.

Councillor Cooper said the committee was aware of the concerns expressed by the councillors. He said what is being recommended is the closest to an even split as it is possible to come up with.

Councillor Peters said she feels it needs to be stated that the entire mandate of the Reorganization Committee was to take a large number of committees and reduce them down to a workable level. She said seven committees have been eliminated and reduced into the Service Committee. She said in each one of these committees board members are given mileage, a staff person has to be there and the amount of time has been eliminated because there is going to be one service committee which will cut back on the use of staff time.

MOTION CARRIED

TABLING - RECORDED RESOLUTION RE: COMMITTEES AND BOARDS RESTRUCTURING

Mr. Crooks said the Charter now provides that the structure of councils' committees and boards and the remuneration of councillors is a matter which is to be dealt with by recorded resolution. He said what is before council tonight is a draft of such a recorded resolution which in effect, if adopted by council, would implement the report of the ad hoc committee as approved by the council. The draft is provided for information and he would suggest that the implementation of the resolution would be June 1, 1993. He said, to some extent, this would be contingent on Ministerial approval for the necessary By-law amendments by that date. He said the effective date is June 1 or the date of coming into force those by-law amendments whichever is later. In any event, for purposes of implementing the committee's report, the draft resolution is now before council for consideration, review and comment. If council's intention is to proceed with this, with an attempt at implementation for June 1, the recorded resolution would be appropriate for consideration at the next council session.

Mayor Lichter said councillors could review the draft for the next council session at which time Mr. Crooks would answer any questions.

FIRST READING

A draft by-law to amend By-law No. 32 - The Ocean View Manor By-law

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT FIRST READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND
BY-LAW NO. 32 - THE OCEAN VIEW MANOR BY-LAW"

Mr. Crooks said with a possible June 1 effective date he would suggest that the draft which is before the council of the by-law to amend by-law No. 32 as well as the by-law to amend by-law No. 46 and No.'s 2, 3, and 4 be revised to provide that each of those by-laws will come into effect on June 1, 1993 or the date of publication of those by-laws, whichever is later.

MOTION CARRIED

A draft by-law to amend By-law No. 46 - The Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre By-law

It was moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Cooper:

"THAT FIRST READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND
BY-LAW NO. 46 - THE HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL
REHABILITATION CENTRE BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND AND THIRD READING

A draft by-law to amend By-law No. 2 - The Municipal Council By-law

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND
BY-LAW NO. 2 - THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Peters:

"THAT THIRD READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND
BY-LAW NO. 2 - THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

A draft by-law to repeal By-law No. 3 - The Committees and Boards By-law

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Brill:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 3 - THE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT THIRD READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 3 - THE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

A draft by-law to amend By-law No. 4 - The Municipal Officers By-law

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 4 - THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT THIRD READING BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 4 - THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

A by-law to amend the Building By-law

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Rankin:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE BUILDING BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT THIRD READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE BUILDING BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

A by-law to amend the Mobile Home Park By-law

It was moved by Councillor Brill, seconded by Councillor Meade:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE MOBILE HOME PARK BY-LAW"

Mayor Lichter said when the Mobile Home Park By-law was drafted it avoided additional cost. He said at budget time council made the decision to include in the budget an amount that would be generated from building permit fees and an amendment to the Mobile Home Park By-law that would generate revenues. He said he wanted the same consideration be given to a mobile home outside of a park because the service outside of a park, received by a mobile home owner when he locates it on his own lot, is no different from being in a mobile home park. He said if this is talking about how much service a mobile home owner gets regardless of where he is why should it be different as far as the charge goes outside than inside.

Bill Butler said there are fewer inspections for mobile homes. Outside a park it is generally two, the preliminary inspection and the occupancy inspection. There are three inspections required inside the mobile home park, the inspection of the pad prior to location of the mobile home, the inspection related to the location of the home and the third inspection to ensure that the skirting has been included.

Councillor Randall asked for what reasons do relocations take place in mobile home parks.

Bill Butler said they could be as a result of a person moving out a mobile which is replaced by another or in fact be as a result of an owner replacing a mobile. He said in both situations, under the by-law, have to do inspections to make sure the pad is correct in terms of the by-law and that the new mobile coming in meets the separation standards.

Councillor Randall said he does not believe that Halifax County should be looking at levying an additional fee.

Councillor Brill who would bear the cost of the pad fees.

Mayor Lichter said at budget time it had been the intent of council that it was not the mobile home park owner but it was indeed the individual mobile home owner who was to pay. This required certain rewording of the mobile home park by-law.

Bill Butler said the amendment would make it the responsibility of the park owner.

Mayor Lichter said the understanding and intent of council, at budget time, was to have it on as a cost for the mobile home park owner.

Councillor Brill said he does not feel the fee is unreasonable if it is the owner of the park that is absorbing the cost.

Councillor Harvey said he does not agree with this because the

people in these parks are mainly seniors or young couples who are least able to deal with extra charges.

MOTION DEFEATED

STARTING TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS - COUNCILLOR RANDALL

It was moved by Councillor Randall, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEARINGS COMMENCE AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR GIFFIN

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING A WARNING LIGHT OR A PASSING LANE AT KINGSWOOD DRIVE AND HIGHWAY 213"

MOTION CARRIED

CANADA POST - COUNCILLOR HOLLAND

Councillor Holland said there has been disruption in the postal delivery in R.R. #2 due to postal workers quitting.

It was moved by Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO CANADA POST ASKING THEM TO ENSURE THAT MAIL DELIVERY IS KEPT EFFICIENT IN THIS AREA"

MOTION CARRIED

CANADA POST - COUNCILLOR PETERS

Councillor Peters said a number of councillors produce newsletters that they send out to their districts. She said if she leaves her newsletter a flat sheet of paper the post office will mail it for 5.5 cents per sheet but if the same newsletter is folded then the post office charges over 9 cents for the same piece of paper.

It was moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO CANADA POST REQUESTING THAT THEY REEXAMINE THIS POSITION AND THAT IF IT IS A SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT'S FLAT OR FOLDED, THAT IT BE CHARGED AT THE SAME SINGLE SHEET RATE OF 5.5 CENTS ON BLANKET MAIL DROPS"

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR PETERS

Councillor Peters said this is with regards to Sunnylea Road in Wellington. It is a dead end street and everyone who uses the road turns around in the two driveways at the end of this dead end road. She said the department of transportation have said they will examine it but, to date, nothing has been done.

It was moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Taylor:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING THAT THE MINISTER PUT A CUL-DE-SAC IN ON THE END OF SUNNYLEA ROAD IN WELLINGTON"

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR SMILEY

Councillor Smiley said Barkhouse Settlement has grown over the last ten or fifteen years and it does have a highway that is maintained by the department of transportation. She said there are many school children in there, young families growing up, children being bussed, postal service etc. She said the road is in deplorable condition.

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Taylor:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH A COPY TO THE MLA, REQUESTING THAT THIS HIGHWAY INTO BARKHOUSE SETTLEMENT OFF NO. 7 HIGHWAY DESPERATELY NEEDS UPGRADING, A GOOD BASE OF GRAVEL AND PAVING WHEN POSSIBLE"

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

Councillor Taylor said he had petitions from residents asking for road paving and a dirt road to be upgraded.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Randall:

"THAT THE PETITIONS BE SENT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH A COPY TO THE DIVISION ENGINEER - JIM TALBOT, AND ONE TO THE HONOURABLE KEN STREATCH, MLA"

MOTION CARRIED

URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

Department of Education - Councillor Taylor

Councillor Taylor said there was an incident in his area in a school yard which involved three boys. He said the incident has been categorized as an isolated incident but he is concerned that there appears to be a growing number of these incidents in school yards across the province.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Peters:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION URGING THEM TO EXAMINE AND REVIEW THEIR SUPERVISION PROGRAM DURING LUNCH HOUR AND BREAKS I.E. THE POSSIBLE STUDENT RATIO PER SUPERVISOR, VOLUNTEERS, BUDGET RESTRAINTS, ETC. FURTHER THAT THEY LOOK AT THEIR STANDARDS WITH A POSSIBLE VIEW TO UPGRADING THEM"

MOTION CARRIED

Department of Housing - Councillor Rankin

Councillor Rankin said there will be no new money for public housing in 1994. He said this will mean no new senior citizen units, no family housing units. In addition no funding for RRAP repairs in this county or across the country and no emergency repairs.

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Holland:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO PREMIER CAMERON, WITH A COPY TO THE UNSM, THE NOMINEES IN HALIFAX COUNTY RUNNING FOR PROVINCIAL OFFICE AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND THE MLA IN THE AREA, WITH REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT ASSISTED HOUSING:

Halifax County strongly protests the federal governments decision by the recent budget to totally abandon, effective January 1, 1994, any new commitments for non profit housing including senior citizens, WRAP emergency repairs and rural native housing programs. In effect it appears the programs will come to an abrupt end next calendar year. We request that you make immediate and vigorous representations to the prime minister to reverse this devastating change in federal social policy. As you are aware over 200 equivalent housing starts were achieved this year in Nova Scotia partially through joint provincial/federal housing expenditures as well as municipal support. Virtually all of this new housing activity and economic stimulus will no longer be in place to meet the housing needs of the low income families and senior citizens. Should the federal government not redress their actions on this matter, please advise the municipality how these ongoing housing needs are to be addressed."

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MAY 4, 1993

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO MAY 18, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION

Recycling Initiatives - Councillor Sutherland

Oldfield School - Councillor Peters

Department of Transportation - Councillor Fralick

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

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